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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application

Inventor : Brian K. Tanner

Appli. No.: 10/629,405

Confirm. No.: 7231

Filed: July 28, 2003

Title: METHOD FOR SPINDLE BEARING FRICTION
ESTIMATION FOR RELIABLE DISK DRIVE
STARTUP OPERATION

PATENT APPLICATION

Art Unit: 2837

Examiner: Miller, Patrick L.

Customer No. 23910

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Thomas A. Ward (Attorney Signature)
Thomas A. Ward, Reg. 35,732
Signature Date: May 10, 2005

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted with this communication in connection with the above-identified application are the following:

- A Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 to the Office Action dated February 10, 2005.
- A Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 to the Office Action dated _____.
- A Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136.
- Applicant(s) qualify for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.
- An Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been established.



A fee for extension of time for response under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 filed within ___ month(s) after the original time for response of \$____ is due.



A fee of \$180.00 is due for the submission of the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement.



A fee for addition of claims under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 is due as follows:

FEES	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate Small Entity/Other Than Small Entity	Total
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	<u>13</u> * -	<u>17</u> **	<u>0</u>	X \$ 25.00 X \$ 50.00	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	<u>4</u> * -	<u>4</u> ***	<u>0</u>	X \$ 100.00 X \$ 200.00	\$0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ \$180.00 + \$360.00	\$0
				TOTAL	\$0

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 10, 2005

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 10, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as shown beginning on the following page.